

Emergency Measures For Controlling Soil Drifting

Already much serious damage has been done in many farms by soil drifting, and indications are that the soil will spread unless effective emergency control measures are taken immediately by individual farmers, where those fields are drifting, or are in danger of doing so. At the time this letter was being written, a 35 mile-a-hour chinook was blowing outside, carrying with it a heavy load of dust. From a trip out of Lethbridge, the writer gained the impression that this dust was coming almost entirely from fields where control of soil drifting obviously has not been made serious efforts, if considered, at all in the system of farming used.

A number of farmers, aware to the seriousness of the situation, were found cultivating their fields where drifting had started, and this treatment was proving effective. Where cultivation may mean considerable expense, but is controlling soil drifting it is the condition of the soil and not the calendar that must determine the time for working the land.

Probably the most usual method of checking drifting is to work the land with a disk harrow or narrow trow cultivator, though in some cases heavier ridging, with flatting shovels on the cultivator, is needed. The ridge is evidently not sufficient, but it is equally important to cultivate it and to keep enough to bring up lumps of uncultivated soil.

Where the surface soil is from a plow, and the cultivator cannot be used, drifting may be checked by single disking the land starting on the windward side of the field. Ordinarily the disc is not regarded as an effective implement in controlling soil drifting, but it is about the only means available for pulling the soil or possibly bringing up unpulverized lumps when all but the top two inches of the ground are from the plow. The disc may also be used for the same purpose in the early spring after the first frost out, when the soil is very hard, though here the cultivator is probably more desirable. The disc is a dangerous implement to use when the soil is dry, and pulverizing the soil.

Another emergency measure for controlling early spring drifting is to plant furrows across the field at 12 feet apart and at right angles to the wind. This method is frequently used in checking soil drifting where grain is growing. Spreading straw over the land is gaining in vogue as a practical means of stopping soil from drifting. Scattered over fields and grain, it is particularly effective in check-

ing drifting when it first starts. In some cases the straw may be moved or carried away by the wind, in which case the land may need to be cultivated to anchor the straw to the land. A number of farmers spread straw on their summer fallow every year as a regular practice. One farmer in Manitoba, for example, who operates 600 acres, has been doing this for more than 30 years.

Community wide use of permanent control measures, including outside cultural practices and strip farming, are urgently needed in order to check the soil drifting well, but where permanent control methods are not provided the prompt use of one or more of the emergency control measures outlined above is urged where soil is drifting or in condition to drift. The method must vary with the soil and severity of conditions, but regardless of the method or methods used prompt action is essential.

—Lethbridge Representative Station.

Minutes of the M.D.

Council of Michichi

The council of the Municipal District of Michichi, No. 277, met at the council chamber at Mildred, Alberta, on the 8th day of October, at the hour of one o'clock.

Present—Rev. A. Edwards, Deputy Reeve, R. Macdonald, Coun. W. J. Blair, Coun. C. K. Jones, and Coun. H. Joberg.

The minutes of the meeting of September 7th were read by the secretary-treasurer, and their adoption was moved by Coun. Joberg.

Moved by W. J. Blair that the application of Mrs. Sharp for Mother's Allowance be approved, and until the application made by Mrs. M. D. Belding had been denied, she be paid the sum of \$35.00 per month, and that the Municipal District of Michichi be liable for same. It was moved by Deputy Reeve Edwards that the Mother's Allowance be increased to \$35.00 per month, and that Mrs. Lambert be permitted to reside outside the boundaries of the municipal district temporarily until a transfer covering Lot 25, Block 2, North Drumheller, to Ross Macdonald was presented to the council for their consideration, and was signed by the Reeve with instructions to forward the matter to Mr. L. Jackson, Drumheller, C.R. trust.

The council considered locations for bridges in the year 1938, and completed request forms in that regard.

The application of J. C. Fowler for direct relief was presented to the council for their consideration and approval, and it was moved by Deputy Reeve Edwards that direct relief in the amount of \$40.00 be granted monthly to be allowed. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Coun. Blair that the application for Old Age Pension for Mr. P. O. Courtney be given review by the Department of Old Age Pensions. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Coun. Jones that a building for sale by Mr. Geo. Felling, 14 ft. be purchased for a sum not exceeding \$30.00, to be used as a coal shed. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Dep. Reeve Edwards that all relief amounts be approved to the amount appearing opposite the recipient's name in the attached list. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Dep. Reeve Edwards that accounts listed on Schedule A attached hereto, and not otherwise approved on Schedule B attached hereto, be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Coun. Joberg.

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MODERN LUXURY FOR "HEAD-END" PASSENGERS



Members of the Board of Directors and officers of the Canadian National Railway are seen in the above photograph, sampling the comfort of the first of fifty new streamlined coaches now to go in service on regular trains. At the front on the left side of the table is J. R. C. Vaughan, Vice-President in charge of Purchases, Stores and Supplies. Behind him at the table is A. W. Knapton, Toronto, Vice-President, Central Region; R. J. Muller, Montreal, Vice-President, Eastern Region; and P. L. C. Bond, Toronto, General Manager, Central Region. On the right, according to rows, are: William Gordon, Director, Montreal; John Roberts, Chief of Motive Power and Car Equipment; C. W. Johnson, General Passenger Traffic Manager; and Arthur D. Neale, Vice-President, Canadian Car and Foundry Company Limited, builders of the new coaches.

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North Citizens Band Outlet to Pacific

Community Co-operation in Cutting Mooseman Highway that Routes To Provid, Road to Coast

Forcing a road through the wilderness, residents of the north country are making new history for Canada. Spurred on by their own initiative and determination to have a road built, they are constructing the road without government assistance.

Never in the history of this dominion, it is claimed, has there been such a magnificent community enterprise as that of the working men of the north country, who are building their own road through the Rocky Mountains by way of Mooseman Pass.

Tired of waiting for the politicians to implement their pledges, the people are building their own road through the Rocky Mountains by way of Mooseman Pass.

The project has been undertaken by residents of the Peace River country, who feel they are entitled to a road outlet.

Starting at the Grande Prairie-Wheatley district, the road is being constructed entirely across the inter-provincial boundary to Stony Lake, where it will be joined by the road from Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.

Making for the west bank of the Mooseman River, it will bring along a stream through the mountains until it reaches the vicinity of Hamsden in the Prince George-Alberta highway, a few miles east of Prince George.

The whole undertaking is one of co-operation between the labor, free, and community enterprise provide food supplies for the workers. A crew starting in size from 10 to 80 is at work and as the mountains in the north country are, this number is expected to be even larger for working purposes, as long as weather conditions permit.

Boosters for the road say that even the north of the Peace River will be affected, for the road will meet the needs of that rapidly growing section by connecting the present Fort St. James-Dawson Creek highway with the Dawson Creek-Arco road.

Connection will be made with the Mooseman highway in a few miles of road between Stewart and Arco. Some six miles need to be constructed.

The community-built road will reduce travel distances between the Peace River and Greater Vancouver from the present distance (by way of Edmonton) of 1,500 miles, to approximately 500 miles, it is claimed.

HEALTH

A HEALTH REFORMER HAS TOLD US THAT HEALTH IS NOT A MATTER OF LUCK OR CHANCE. IT IS A MATTER OF CHOICE.

HOW TO FIND HEALTH
A distinguished English physician has told us that health is found in a way of life rather than in a bottle of medicine. In supporting this statement, there is no reflection on the value of medicine. There are a few drugs which we might say are worth their weight in gold, because of their value in the treatment of certain diseases. These value depends, however, upon their proper use. They must be taken at certain times and in quantities suitable to each case.

The evil that exists and the evil from which a great deal of actual harm results is the taking of medicine, self ordered, with the idea that the bottle of medicine will cure disease, when what is required is a change in the manner of life. If the diet is faulty, if there is insufficient exercise taken, if the body is moist and requires rest, these conditions, without which the sufferer feels a lack of health, are not to be overcome by his taking one or more bottles of medicine.

The fundamental problem of health is to secure the proper nutrition of the body. This means that the following must receive attention—food, fresh air and sunlight, exercise and rest, and cleanliness. Not one of these can be neglected if the health of the body is to be maintained. It is practically useless to think of one without the other.

Practically one of them impairs the health of the person who is careless. Neglect in such cases means disease, and while it is true that the human body will stand considerable strain, it will not permit of abuse. Neglect of one or more of the laws of health causes loss of health, or disease of the body.

Health or harmony cannot be restored by taking a bottle of medicine. The only measure of living which needs to be corrected. Prevention lies in the removal of the cause which, in such case, is neglected of the body.

Question concerning health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 164 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

"I believe that most happy people are those who take nature's light and light their candles with it."—E. M. Mearns

A converted Chinese holding up was described as a "poor old thing." Doubtless he enjoyed it, but it's a shame to see it.

"It is not in the light of the night of some recent bold and daring feat of modern progress."—Page Five X1.

Wedding Bells

HOY-MURDOCH
The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Murdoch, Mildred, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Sunday.

October the 31st, when their second daughter, Alice Ellen, became the bride of Robert Laughlin Hoy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hoy, of Delia. Rev. D. Deck, grandfather of the bride, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who entered the room on the arm of her father, wore a lovely gown of white lace made in redolent style, coming over a slip of white tulle. She wore a coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of roses and lily of the valley.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Betty and Miss Murdoch, who were dressed of white and green more tulle, and carried bouquets of white, orange and white spray chrysanthemums.

Mr. David Watts, of Calgary, was the groomsmen. The wedding music was played by Mrs. C. Harvey, of Munson, cousin of the bride. During the signing of the register Miss Margaret and Isabel Hoy sang, "I Love You Truly."

Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served in the thirty guests present, and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Hoy left for a short honeymoon.

For traveling Mrs. Hoy chose a very dress, with tulle and gay accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Hoy will make their home in Drumheller.

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